(a) whether Central Government has any plan to give financial assistance to the youths from rural, backward areas and hilly areas to encourage them in sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Central Government is contemplating about building sports infrastructure including small stadium in rural, backward areas and hilly areas such as Darjeeling, North East, Himalayan region and Uttarakhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) to (c) There is no specific scheme for providing financial assistance to the youth from rural, backward areas and hilly areas to encourage them in sports but all schemes of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Sports Authority of India are open to all youth of the country including those from rural, backward areas and hilly areas.

The Government has, for the first time, introduced a centrally sponsored scheme, Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) with national coverage for the promotion of basic sports infrastructure and sports competitions in all village and block panchayats of the country including rural, backward and hilly areas. The Eleventh Five Year Plan outlay for this scheme, which was launched in the financial year 2008-09, is Rs. 1500 crore. The scheme envisages to cover around 2.50 lakh village panchayats and 6,400 block panchayats (including their equivalent units) in a phased manner over a period of 10 years at an annual coverage of 10%. The scheme is implemented through the State Governments/UTs.

Cricket world cup-2011

†3032. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a doubt over organizing the World Cup for cricket in 2011 to be hosted by India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan in the wake of deadly attack on Sri Lankan cricketers in Pakistan, in March, 2009;

(b) if so, Government's policy in this regard; and

(c) the likely loss resulting therefrom, if India losses the right to host it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) to (c) As per information provided by The Board of Control for Cricket in India, the ICC World Cup-2011 will be held as per schedule and will be hosted jointly by India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. The matches which were earlier slated for Pakistan, have now been rescheduled to be held in India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

World University Games

3033. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

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